

a housing containing at least said luminaire;

at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp; and

at least one spacer provided between an outer surface of said lamp holder and

a surface of a member of said liquid crystal display device other than said lamp holder which faces said outer surface of said lamp holder.

4. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3,

wherein the thermal conductivity of said spacer is equal to or lower than the thermal conductivity of said lamp holder.

5. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3,

wherein the thermal conductivity of said at least one lamp holder is lower than the thermal conductivity of silicone rubber.

6. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3,

wherein said lamp holder has a plurality pores therein.

7. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3,

Wherein said housing has at least one opening or at least one notch corresponding to at least one electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp.

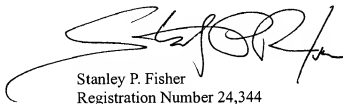
REMARKS

Claims 1-2 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 3-7 are being added corresponding to the embodiments disclosed in the specification. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the present Amendment.

Substantive consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and

allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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